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1. At a recent meeting of the Partido de Orientacion Democratica (POD), copies were distributed of a mimeographed pamphlet entitled La Verdad (Truth). The pamphlet bears the following heading:

LA VERDAD

Organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party

Price 10 centavos

San Salvador, October 1948

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It contains three mimeographed pages, legal size, and is divided into four sections:

Section I. - Editorial Section - National Politics

Section II. - Documents of the Party - Internal Life of the C.P.

Section III. - Theoretical Documents - Revolutionary Theory

Section IV. - World Events

The first section quotes a "Manifiesto to the Salvadoran People" purportedly issued jointly by the Comité Civico Salvadoreño Residente en Guatemala (Salvadoran Civic Committee Resident in Guatemala) and the Comité Salvadoreño de Liberación Nacional. In introducing this document it is stated, "The C.P. of El Salvador declares that although neither of these groups is composed of Communists, their points of view on the national situation coincide notably with the political line laid down at the last ordinary congress of the Party." This manifesto is followed by the signatures of the following: Guillermo Fuentes C., Ing. Atilio García Prieto, Br. Freddy Alfaro C., Dr. Daniel Castaneda, Dr. Angel Gochez Castro, Br. Salvador R. Borja. Briefly the manifesto calls for the Salvadoran people to form a permanent political party and to limit activities during the electoral period to the following: (1) Maintain and reinforce the unity of all democratic elements; (2) Urge democratic elements toward an energetic unified struggle to gain this end; (3) Fight reactionaries wherever they are found; (4) Unmask the conformists and collaborationists who support the present regime; (5) Attack as unconstitutional the following:

- a) Presidential Continuismo.
- b) Restriction of the liberty of elections

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- c) The State of Siege
- d) The non-convoing of elections
- e) Restrictions on free expression, reunion, and association
- f) The existence of political exiles

(6) Denounce publicly the negative acts of the present regime which make El Salvador a country outside the concert of the democratic nations of America.

3. The second section bearing the heading "Documents of the Party; Internal Life of the Party" contains comments on the present lack of organization of the party and lays down a sort of personal code for party members. In addition, it is stated that the party wishes to begin a campaign to gather information concerning Salvador labor, both urban and rural.
4. The third section, "Theoretical Documents; Revolutionary Theory" contains a commentary on the Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx written by Juan Cristobal, pseudonym of Moises Castro y Morales.
5. The fourth section, "World Events", contains comments on the Communist struggles in France, Greece, China, and Indonesia.
6. This Communist publication corresponds in appearance to previous documents which have been written by Julio Fausto Fernandez and his collaborators. The typewriter used in making stencils is a different machine from any of those used for previous work.

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